

BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL  
 UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
 May 17, 2021  
 10:00 AM  
 Digital Meeting via Google Meets

Members Present

The Honorable Brian Ball ( Proxy by Evan Feinman)  
 Senator Jennifer Boysko, Chair  
 James Carr  
 Mike Culp  
 Senator Ghazala Hashmi  
 Kristie Helmick Proctor  
 Delegate Chris Hurst  
 Mike Keyser  
 Delegate Paul E. Krizek  
 Ray LaMura  
 Senator Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr.  
 Steve Sandy  
 Richard Schollman  
 The Honorable Bettina K. Ring  
 Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler, Vice Chair  
 Senator Lynwood W. Lewis

Members Absent

Delegate James A. Leftwich, Jr.

Call to Order	Senator Jennifer Boysko, Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
COVID-19 Virtual Meeting Statement	Mr. Chandler Vaughan, Policy Analyst for the Office of Broadband at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), announced that due to the Governor’s Declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19, it is impracticable and unsafe for the Broadband Advisory Council to assemble in a single location, so the council meeting will be held electronically, by video conference and telephone options, pursuant to 2020 Amendments to the 2020 Appropriation Act. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the Commission on Local Government and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. The public is welcome to use the link and phone number options made available by staff to attend the meeting electronically. The Commission on Local Government will make available a recording or transcript of the meeting on its website in accordance with the timeframes established in Sections 2.2-3707 and 2.2-3701.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Roll Call	Mr. Vaughan called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.
Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2020 meeting	A motion was made by Mr. Sandy and properly seconded by Mr. LaMura to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2020 meeting of the Broadband Advisory Council. The motion passed (Yea: Hurst, Krizek, Tyler, Hashmi, Boysko, Lewis, Proctor, Keyser, LaMura, Sandy, Culp, Schollman, Ring, Feinman; Nay: None)
Commonwealth Connect Update	Mr. Evan Feinman, Chief Broadband Advisor to the Governor, gave an overview of the achievements, goals, and challenges facing the Commonwealth's goal of providing universal broadband access statewide.
Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) Update	Dr. Tamarah Holmes, Director of the Office of Broadband, provided an overview of the last round of the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative, which awarded \$49.2 million to connect 24,615 Virginia homes and businesses connected. Dr. Holmes presentation served as a report to the Broadband Advisory Council on the progress made by the private sector on the awarded projects.
FY 2022 VATI Proposed Guidelines	Dr. Holmes, Mr. Vaughan, and Mr. Ammar Al Omari presented the summary of changes to the FY 2022 VATI proposed guidelines. The presentation served as the consultation with the Broadband Advisory Council to designate the unserved areas to receive funds as directed by budget legislation concerning the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative within Section L. 4. of Item 114 of Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, 2021 Special Session I, commonly known as the Budget Bill.
Overview of Satellite Internet Broadband	Mr. Steven Hill, President of the Satellite Broadcast and Communications Association provided an in-depth overview of satellite internet broadband and explained the current capabilities and future of the technology.
Public Comment	No public comment was provided at the meeting.
Adjournment	Upon a motion made by Delegate Tyler and seconded by Delegate Hurst, the meeting was adjourned.